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When did it all get so complicated? Have a Happy Christmas!

All the best,  
*Anon.....*

	<b>THIS WEEK 13th Dec</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 20th Dec</b>
Program	Alan Evans NRMA	Rex Hunt Christmas Message
Introduction	Eric Taylor	Peter Evans
Appreciation	John Widdup	Bernadette Capello
Fellowship	Ian Excell Bob Harvie	Des Henderson-Kelly Robin Cromer
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	David Fox
Birthdays	nil	Jill Cromer 20th, Noel Hart 25th
Anniversaries	Jim And Babs Grainger 17th Dec Robin And Jill Cromer 17th Dec	nil
Trash & Treasure	17 Dec Ray Newcombe-Ros Osbourne 31 Dec (?)-(?)	24th Dec Tom Davies-Bob Harvie 7th Jan Piers Booth-Bernadette Capello

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*Tonight:*

**Alan Evans**

on

**NRMA Motoring and Services.**



Alan Evans was appointed President of NRMA at the beginning of 2005 and is the Deputy President of the Australian Automobile Association.

*Last Week:*

Wearing one of his many hats, Neale pulled rank to act as Sergeant and opened the meeting and called, against popular sentiment, for a compulsory two verses of the National Anthem. He then welcomed visitors including Joan Keith, Maureen Booth, Dorothy Macklin, Helen Sahhar, Pixie Gray, Carolyn and Virginia Newcombe, Edna Crowe, Joanne





Binutti, Jill Cromer, Carol and Colin Hughes, Robyn Hart, a promise of Helen Harvie, Pat Schmidt, Julia Widdup, John Joslin and Don Ellis. With makeups from the Ibbotsons in W.A. and Jim Grainger in Tassie the attendance was 60.71%.

The Christmas meal choice was Turkey Buffe or Herbed Beef Fillet, desserts were either Brandy Christmas Pudding or Amarula Bread and Butter Pudding and the hotel had provided table decorations and shortbread biscuits with the tea and coffee.



The Rugby Choir provided a lively entertainment starting off with a couple of African songs then a Carribean, Island in the Sun, followed by Razzle Dazzle,, Softly as I Leave,, Santa Lucia, for Carlo, Silent Night, and We wish you, we wish you, we wish you a Happy New Year,.



Gary charmed the conductress, Zoë, by claiming a total ignorance of Rugby (because he was a Victorian!) but that as they were obviously all smitten by her they were just men after all.

The acting Sergeant caused a stir and raised

money by asking all to give a cuddle to their neighbours of the opposite sex, then awarded two prizes to the Grays in heads and tails.

President Ray, after commenting on the nice sound of the recovered original chairman's gong (1969), outlined the efforts of the club in the past year in the hospital, Open Family, International and local services, the work of the many volunteers in the Children of the Golden Triangle, over several years



including Piers Booth and Val Bland presently, and the possibility of bringing a thirteen year old boy from there for major leg surgery. The Club is planning to involve Ambassadorial Staff and External Affairs Officers on an ongoing basis. We are looking towards the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund as with SIDS, or mental health disorders as per the Sunrise Foundation bike ride. Rural Health problems due to the drought will be supported by donating the proceeds of the Two up, games in December and January. We will support two indigenous university scholars costing \$5000 with a similar Commonwealth donation. David Fox is coordinating efforts to support a remote community at Kintore in their aim of having an extra dialysis machine and a prefabricated diabetic treatment ward in conjunction with other Rotary Clubs. They have a need for clean water and nutritious fresh vegetables, which may be possible with a hydroponics system.

Finally a framed Service Certificate Award was presented to Irene Thompson for her care of the Club over many years.



The first meeting of the club in the New Year will be on Wednesday tenth of January at 6.15 at Judy Skelton,s residence in Yarralumla.

*With thanks to Raven Scribe Bob Harvie.*

### *Christmas Greetings:*

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on to all Rotarians this Christmas greeting message following its approval by my Bank's legal advisors:

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, celebration of the summer solstice (or solstice of your choice) holiday, practised within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all . . . and a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2006, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make Australia great, (not to imply that Australia is necessarily greater than any other country or is the only "AUSTRALIA" in the southern hemisphere), and without



